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CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS
DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION,
PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Third session
17-28 January 1994
Agenda item 5

# ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS THIRD SESSION

## Draft report

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### Opening and duration of the session

1. The third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, was held in New York from 17 to 28 January 1994. The session was convened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 entitled "Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa". At its third session, the Committee held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. Officers of the Committee

2. The Bureaux of the Committee and its Working Groups, as elected at its organizational, first and second sessions, are as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Bo Kjellén (Sweden)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. René Valéry Mongbe (Benin)
Mr. T. P. Sreenivasan (India)
Mr. José Urrutia (Peru)

Rapporteur: Mr. Nikita F. Glazovsky (Russian Federation)

Working Group I

Chairman: Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf (Algeria)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Erwin Ortíz Gandarillas (Bolivia)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. A. Ovchinnikov (Uzbekistan)

Working Group II

Chairman: Ms. Anne De Lattre (France)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Morad-Ali Ardeshiri (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Frederick E. G. Mallya (United Republic of Tanzania)

### B. Adoption of the agenda

3. At its 1st meeting, on 17 January 1994, the Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

2. Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

3. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds:

   (a) Special Voluntary Fund to support the participation of developing countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly the least developed countries;

   (b) Trust Fund for the negotiating process.

4. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the fourth session and organization of work for the final stages of negotiations.

5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session.

## C. Attendance

4. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

(to be included)

5. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

(to be included)

6. The following specialized agencies were represented:

(to be included)

7. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

(to be included)

8. The following national liberation movement was represented:

(to be included)

9. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

(to be included)

## D. Documentation

10. The documents before the Committee at its second session are listed in annex ___ to the present report (to be included).

## E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

11. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 17 and 24 January, the Committee, bearing in mind paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 47/188 and rule 49 of the rules of procedure of the Committee (A/AC.241/3), decided to approve the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations listed in documents A/AC.241/9/Add.4 and 5 (see annex ___, decision 3/_ (to be included)).

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